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The Humble
ADDRESS
Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual & Temporal
In Parliament Assembled,
Presented to
HIS MAJESTY
On *Tuesday* the Sixth Day of *January*, 1701.

AND

His Majesties
MOST GRACIOUS
ANSWER
THEREUNTO.

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IT is Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, *do give Order, That the Address of this House, and His Majesties most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Published.*

Matth. Johnson,
Clerk Parliamentor

The Humble ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal In PARLIAMENT Assembled.

Die Veneris 2° *Januarij*, 1701.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, are highly Sensible of what We owe to Almighty God, for the great Deliverances he hath wrought for Us by Your Majesty, We are highly Sensible of His Mercies in Preserving You hitherto, in so many Publick and Private Dangers, to which Your Sacred Person hath been Exposed; And We hope the same Providence will carry Your Majesty through the great Work (which seems reserv'd for You) the Reducing the Exorbitant Power of *France*, and Maintaining the Balance of *Europe*.

All true *English* Men, since the Decay of the *Spanish* Monarchy, have ever taken it for Granted, That the Security of their Religion, Liberty and Property, that their Honour, their Wealth, and their Trade, depend chiefly upon the proper Measures to be taken from time to time in Parliament, against the Growing Power of *France*: But it is their peculiar Blessing in Your Majesties Reign, to have a Prince upon the Throne, who not only agrees with them in this Opinion, but who, in the frequent Parliaments Assembled, is ever Reminding them of this their greatest Concern, and who, to Compleat their Happiness, is always ready, with the Hazard of His Person, to Support His Subjects and Allies against their Common Enemy.

And We esteem it a further good Fortune, in this Time of Publick Danger, That the *French* King has taken those Measures, which will make it impossible for him to Impose any more upon the World, by Treaties so often Violated; Neither can he hope any longer to Cover his Ambitious Designs, or Justifie his Usurpations, under the Specious Pretences of Peace.

Your Majesty hath so Justly represented the Danger to which *Europe* is Exposed, by the *French* Kings Placing his Grandson on the Throne of *Spain*; Your Majesty is so Justly Sensible, that under that Pretence he

is become Abſolute Maſter of the whole *Spaniſh* Monarchy; And We are all ſo well Apprized of the dangerous Conſequence of this bold Attempt, that We think it moſt proper to Aſſure Your Majeſty, in Your own Words, That We are under the higheſt Impatience, that Speedy and Effectual Meaſures may be taken againſt the unbounded Ambition of the *French* King.

And as the Placing his Grandſon upon the Throne of *Spain*, is viſibly to the whole World the Cauſe of all thoſe Dangers mentioned in Your Majeſties Speech, and of the Breach of the Balance of Power in *Europe*, which the People of *England* are ſo deeply Ingaged to Preſerve; So We humbly Conceive the Remedy is as Apparent as the Diſeaſe; And that Your Majeſty, Your Subjects, and Allies, can never be ſafe and Secure, till the Houſe of *Auſtria* be Reſtored to Their Rights, and the Invader of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy brought to Reaſon.

To Conclude, Sir, as We humbly Addreſſed to Your Majeſty laſt Parliament, to Enter into Alliances with the Emperor, the States of *Holland*, and all other Princes and States, willing to Unite againſt the Power of *France*, ſo We take the Liberty at this time to Aſſure You, We are all Willing and Zealous to lay hold of this Opportunity, which the Bleſſing of God, and Your Majeſties Care, have put into Our Hand; Reſolving to make Our utmoſt Efforts for Our own Security, and the Support of Our Allies; Deſiring of Your Majeſty to reſt Aſſured, That no time ſhall be loſt, nor any thing omitted, on Our Part, which may Anſwer the Reaſonable Expectation of Our Friends Abroad; Not doubting but to Support the Reputation of the *Engliſh* Name, when Ingaged under ſo Great a Prince, in the Glorious Cauſe of Maintaining the Liberty of *Europe*.

Matth. Johnſon,
Cleric' Parliamentor'

His Majeſties moſt Gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs.

My Lords,

I Am extremely Pleaſed to find the juſt Sentiments You have of the preſent State of Affairs, and Your Readineſs to do Your Part in this Great Conjuncture: I Hope Our joynt Endeavours will be Succeſsful for Reſtoring the Balance of Europe, *and Eſtabliſhing Our Common Security.*

FINIS.